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HIGHLIGHTS

- Cotton Ginnings
- Crop Production
- Grain Stocks
- Hog Inventory
- Slaughter
- Poultry

COTTON GINNINGS

Running Bales Ginned Prior to January 1, 2006
Selected States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2003	2004	2005
Alabama	781,100	769,300	802,050
Arkansas	1,734,150	2,006,500	2,099,600
Florida	119,350	91,700	111,200
Georgia	1,957,100	1,711,700	1,976,450
Louisiana	1,028,300	888,200	1,105,650
Mississippi	2,055,900	2,263,700	2,089,300
North Carolina	989,850	1,304,050	1,311,150
South Carolina	299,050	356,000	372,300
Texas	3,913,400	4,751,600	5,876,100
UNITED STATES	16,882,550	18,924,750	20,114,150

S.C.CROP PRODUCTION

COTTON production totaled 420,000 bales, up 8 percent (30,000 bales) from 2004. The final 2005 average yield of 761 pounds per acre is down 114 pounds from 2004 but up 43 pounds from 2003's yield. The final estimate of 266,000 acres planted, is up 51,000 acres from the previous year and 47,000 above 2003. Harvested acres totaled 265,000 acres, up 51,000 acres from 2004 and up 47,000 from 2003. Cottonseed production was expected to total 137,000 tons, up 46 percent from 2004, and 26 percent above 2003.

CORN production in 2005 totaled 33.0 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2004. The final yield per acre of 116 bushels, is up 16 bushels from 2004 and is a new State record. Acres harvested for grain is 285,000, down 10,000 acres from 2004, but up 70,000 from 2003. Acres planted for all purposes at 300,000 are down 15,000 acres from 2004.

The 2005 **SOYBEAN** crop totaled 8.6 million bushels, down 40 percent from the 2004 production, and down 27 percent from 2003. The final yield per acre of 20.5 bushels, was down significantly from 27 bushels in 2004, and 28 bushels from 2003. Acres harvested at 420,000, is down 110,000 from 2004, and unchanged from 2003.

TOBACCO production was 42.0 million pounds, down 34 percent from 2004, and down 33 percent from 2003. The final yield per acre of 2,100 pounds, is down 250 pounds from 2004, and no change from 2003. Acres harvested, at 20,000, was down 7,000 acres from 2004, and down 10,000 acres from 2003.

PEANUT acres continue to expand and production totaled 168.0 million pounds - up 50 percent from 2004, and up 191 percent from 2003. The final yield per acre of 2,800 pounds is down 600 pounds from 2004 and 2003. Acres harvested at 60,000 is up 27,000 acres from 2004 and up 43,000 acres from 2003.

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

WINTER WHEAT seeded in SOUTH CAROLINA during the fall of 2005 for the 2006 crop is estimated at 140,000 acres. This is 18 percent below the crop of 2005, planted during the fall of 2004, and down 26 percent from the 2004 crop year. Planting of the 2006 crop was hindered by dry conditions as a result of little rainfall during October and November.

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

Area Seeded by Selected State and United States, 2004 - 2006

Selected State	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
-----1,000 Acres ----- Percent				
Florida	18	18	18	100
Georgia	330	280	300	107
Kansas	10,000	10,000	10,200	102
North Carolina	600	560	550	98
South Carolina	190	170	140	82
United States	43,350	40,433	41,367	102

GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm position in SOUTH CAROLINA on December 1, 2005 totaled 3.8 million bushels, compared to 4.2 million bushels stored December 1, 2004. **CORN** stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 3.4 million bushels as of December 1, 2005, compared to 3.7 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2004. South Carolina **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 2.3 million bushels on December 1, 2005 compared to 1.6 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.

Corn stocks in all positions in the United States on December 1, 2005 totaled 9.81 billion bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks, 6.33 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2005 indicated disappearance is 3.41 billion bushels, compared with 3.31 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Soybeans** stored in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 2.50 billion bushels, up 9 percent from December 1, 2004. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.16 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2005 totaled 840 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period a year earlier. **All wheat** stored in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 1.43 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 513 million bushels, down 3 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 917 million bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2005 indicated disappearance is 494 million bushels, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

HOG INVENTORY

The **SOUTH CAROLINA** inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 315,000 head. This was up 5 percent from December 1, 2004. Breeding inventory, at 30,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Market hog inventory, at 285,000 head, was up 6 percent from last year. The 2005 pig crop, at 502,000 head, was up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 54,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.30, compared to 9.46 last year.

UNITED STATES inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter. The 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 103.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing totaled 11.5 million head, unchanged from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.01 compared to 8.94 in 2004.

HOGS AND PIGS: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory, by State and United States, December 1, 2004 and 2005^{1/}

State	Breeding		Percent of Previous Year	Market		Percent of Previous Year	Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2004	2005		2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thou. Head		Percent	Thou. Head		Percent	Thou. Head		Percent
Alabama	18	17	94	162	143	88	180	160	89
Arkansas	85	85	100	245	185	76	330	270	82
Colorado	140	145	104	660	695	105	800	840	105
Florida	4	4	100	16	16	100	20	20	100
Georgia	42	43	102	233	227	97	275	270	98
Illinois	420	430	102	3,680	3,570	97	4,100	4,000	98
Indiana	290	310	107	2,910	2,890	99	3,200	3,200	100
Iowa	1,070	1,070	100	15,230	15,330	101	16,300	16,400	101
Kansas	155	160	103	1,555	1,620	104	1,710	1,780	104
Michigan	110	100	91	840	850	101	950	950	100
Minnesota	600	590	98	5,900	6,010	101	6,500	6,600	102
Missouri	340	345	101	2,560	2,405	94	2,900	2,750	95
Nebraska	355	350	99	2,495	2,500	100	2,850	2,850	100
North Carolina	1,020	1,010	99	8,880	8,790	99	9,900	9,800	99
Ohio	155	165	106	1,295	1,385	107	1,450	1,550	107
Oklahoma	360	360	100	2,030	2,010	99	2,390	2,370	99
Pennsylvania	115	100	87	965	990	103	1,080	1,090	101
South Carolina	30	30	100	270	285	106	300	315	105
South Dakota	140	165	118	1,200	1,315	110	1,340	1,480	110
Texas	100	100	100	890	830	93	990	930	94
Wisconsin	50	55	110	380	375	99	430	430	100
United States	5,969	6,011	101	55,005	55,186	100	60,975	61,197	100

^{1/} May not add due to rounding

MARKET HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory Number, by Weight Groups

South Carolina and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ^{1/}

Item	South Carolina		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	--- Thou. Head ---		- Percent -	--- Thou. Head ---		- Percent -
Under 60 Pounds	65	60	92	19,980	19,955	100
60-119 Pounds	70	85	121	13,439	13,552	101
120-179 Pounds	60	70	117	11,186	11,266	101
180 Pounds & Over	75	70	93	10,401	10,414	100

^{1/} Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 2005 BELOW 2004

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 totaled 256 million birds, down 3 percent from the 263 million raised in 2004. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 36.0 million, Arkansas with 29.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.5 million, California with 14.9 million, and Indiana with 13.4 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005. Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2006. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2005. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2005 are as follows: Minnesota down 2 percent, North Carolina up 6 percent, Arkansas up 7 percent, Virginia up 7 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California down 1 percent, and Indiana up 4 percent. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2006 may vary from growers' intentions depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

Turkeys Raised 2005 and 2006 Intentions: Selected States

State	Number		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	
	-----1,000 Head-----		Percent
Minnesota	44,500	43,500	100
North Carolina	36,000	38,000	106
North Dakota	1,100	1,100	100
South Carolina	8,000	10,000	125
Virginia	21,000	22,500	107
23 State Total	254,700	265,500	104

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION Selected States, 2003 and 2004 1/

Selected States	November 2004	November 2005	Nov 05 as % of Nov 04 2/
	Million Pounds		
Alabama	2.8	2.7	96
Florida	4.7	4.6	97
Georgia	15.2	11.2	74
Mississippi	27.1	26.6	98
Nebraska	560.5	577.1	103
North Carolina	202.0	203.2	101
South Carolina	20.9	22.2	106
Tennessee	19.5	21.0	108
United States	3,770.1	3,942.3	105

EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 111 million **eggs** during October down 3 percent from last year. Production totaled 90 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of **layers** averaged 5,037,000 birds, which was down 4 percent from 5,222,000 a year ago. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,204 eggs, compared with 2,204 in October 2004.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2005, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during October 2005 averaged 344 million, down slightly from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2004.

HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, November, 2005

Selected States	Average No. Of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,126	168	1,841
Florida	11,511	263	2,285
Georgia	19,038	402	2,112
North Carolina	10,828	210	1,939
South Carolina	5,076	109	2,147
United States	346,596	7,538	2,175

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of November **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 17.04 million chicks, up 7 percent from 15.96 million chicks in November of 2004.

Broiler-type chicks hatched in the U.S. during November 2005 totaled 747 million, up 2 percent from November 2004. Eggs incubators totaled 658 million on December 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

	Thousand	
Broiler Type:		
SOUTH CAROLINA	17,043	199,213
United States	747,335	8,665,040
Egg Type:		
United States	32,752	400,115

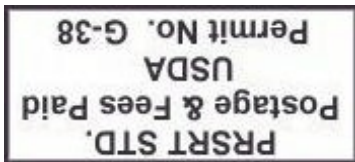
DIRECTOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA AG STATISTICS RETIRES

Robert A. "Bob" Graham, Director of the South Carolina Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service retired on January 3, 2006 after thirty-seven years of service, the last eleven in South Carolina.

He is a graduate of Clemson University, where he obtained his bachelor and masters degrees in Agricultural Economics. After college, Bob began work with NASS in South Carolina, but quickly thereafter, entered active duty with the Army and served a tour in Viet Nam. Following his military service, Bob continued his career with NASS where he served tours of duty in Georgia, Arkansas, Washington, D.C., Kentucky, Virginia, Washington, D.C. again, and finally South Carolina.

Bob had a rewarding career with NASS and has been recognized many times for his outstanding service to the Agency and for his efforts to promote and support the agricultural industry.

Bob was honored by his friends and co-workers at a dinner on January 14, 2006.



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